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## CREATED BY BULLETS.

Six Highwaymen Hold Up a Queen and Crescent Train.

## OFFICIALS OF THE ROAD HAD A TIP.

And the Result Is That Three of the Bandits Are Dead.

## THE DETECTIVES WERE PREPARED

And Blazed Into the Robbers Before They Had a Chance to Realize That They Had Tackled an Arsenal—A Brief But Thrilling Episode—It Only Lasted Ten Minutes and Many Passengers Slept Through the Carriage and Were None the Wiser—One Ohio Girl Who Was Indignant Because She Was Not Awakened to Witness the Battle—Stories of the Trainmen—The Engineer's Exciting Experience—Three of the Robbers Escape.

GREENWOOD, Ky., March 27.—One of the most daring and at the same time most unsuccessful attempts at train robbery occurred at 2:30 a. m. to-day in the southern portion of Kentucky, when six men undertook to rob the south-bound No. 3 Queen and Crescent train, which left Cincinnati at 8 p. m. last night. One of the six was killed outright, another died at 4 o'clock this morning, a third, giving the name of Miller, died this evening at Cumberland Falls, and the other three have not yet been heard from. The train was delayed not more than ten minutes, and reached Chattanooga at 8 a. m. to-day, on time.

The reason for this summary disposal of a body of train robbers is found in the fact that some intimation of their purpose had been given to the railroad or express authorities and that Mr. T. Griffin, who serves as a superintendent of police on the Southern road, had with him two trusty assistants. The train had just reached the south end of tunnel No. 9, which is a mile north of Greenwood, when the robbers signaled it to stop. They had scarcely disclosed their purpose until Mr. Griffin and his assistants on the train began offensive operations, and in ten minutes three of the robbers had bitten the dust, the other three had flown and the train was speedily on its way. Not a single injury was suffered by any one on the train.

Of course the treasure in care of the Adams Express Company's messenger was entirely safe.

The robbery was planned to have been committed on the eleventh of this month, but on account of a creek near the scene being out of its banks the men were afraid they would be caught and postponed it. A farmer says the men have been camping in a hollow near by for five weeks. One of the gang gave them away to the officials, and the trains have been loaded with detectives for the past month.

## THE DETAILS.

How the Trainmen Made Short Work of the Robbers—Road Officials Delighted. The Engineer's Story.

CINCINNATI, O., March 27.—The men wearing the broadest smiles here to-day are General Manager Carroll, of the Queen & Crescent route, and General Manager Barrett, of the Adams Express company. It is all on account of the extraordinary occurrence at 2:30 this morning near Greenwood, Ky., where, in the mountains, 175 miles from Cincinnati and 23 miles from the state line between Tennessee and Kentucky, the south-bound train was stopped by six robbers, just as it emerged from the mouth of a tunnel, and after a battle lasting only ten minutes, half the robbers were killed and wounded, and the other half flying.

General Manager Carroll has received no details of how the battle began, or what tactics were used, his dispatch being of the briefest form, dealing only with the main facts of the great victory. He is proud of the fact that this effective service was performed under the immediate direction of their special agent in charge of the police department of the road.

General Manager Barrett, of the Adams Express Company, who is also delighted with the brief story of the affair which has reached him in about the same form as it came to the railroad officials, says he looks upon this as an important event. The express company has adopted the plan of a secret service to protect its property against robbers. This is the first result of the new method, which, while it is costly, is infinitely more effective than any amount of lynx-eyed detective business employed to arrest and punish robbers. Prevention, he thinks, in this matter is better than cure. Superintendent Barrett says the robbers could have had no knowledge of the amount of money carried by last night's train, and they made their attack as a pure venture. He declines to say what would have been their reward if they had been successful.

## HOW IT HAPPENED.

A reporter met the train on its arrival here, and obtained the following interviews from the conductor and engineer.

Engineer Tom Springfield has been running on the road a number of years and is regarded as a very reliable engineer. This is his first experience with train robbers and to the reporter he told the following story:

"We were coming along on time. Engineer 586 is a humpster and Rankin, my fireman, was keeping her hot. We left Somerset on time. I slowed down a little as we ran through tunnel No. 9, about sixteen miles south of Somerset, in Pulaski county, Ky.

"About 200 yards this side of the tunnel a man on the track with a white light lantern flagged me down. This is one of the loneliest spots on the entire road. You know it is up in the rough and rugged mountain districts of Kentucky. There is not a house within two miles of the place. In fact I don't know of a house nearer than Greenwood. The little station was about two miles

to the south. The road curves too and altogether a better place could not have been selected for a train robbery.

DIDN'T THINK ANYTHING.

"The fellow in front kept swinging his lantern. He stood in the center of the track. I could not imagine what was the matter."

"Did you think of train robbers?" asked the reporter.

"No, I did not."

"Did you suppose that a freight wreck was ahead?"

"No, I did not. I did not think anything. I just saw the fellow swinging his lantern and I stopped the train. I did not see anybody else. When I stopped to see what he was swinging the lantern for the fellow climbed into the cab, and said: 'Stand here till I tell you to go on,' and pointed a pistol at me. He stood on the left hand side of the cab. He looked like a desperado. As near as I can recollect, he had a big black mustache, a slouch hat and rather seamy clothes. He looked like a rough countryman. The fellow did not say another word but just kept his pistol pointed at me."

"Did he seem alarmed when the shooting was going on?"

"No, he just kept standing there with his pistol pointed at me. I don't know what kind of a pistol it was, but it was a big one."

With this the brave engineer straightened out his left hand almost to his right elbow to show the length of the robber's pistol. It might have been a horse pistol.

"Rankin, my fireman," continued Springfield, "looked out of the cab on his side and said: 'They've killed two of them.'"

KEPT HIM COVERED.

"But the fellow kept me covered with his big pistol and did not say a word. After one or two more shots were heard up in front, the robber dropped from the cab and said: 'Go ahead.'"

"I opened the throttle and we ran on to Cumberland Falls, about four miles further down."

When asked why he did not shoot the robber as he left the engine, Mr. Springfield said that he nor his fireman had no weapons of any kind.

"After the fellow told me to go ahead we had gone but a short distance when Rankin found a wounded man on the tender. We stopped at Cumberland Falls, four miles from the tunnel, and put him off, leaving him in the telegraph office. They say he was badly shot in the arm and side. He said he was a tramp stealing a ride and that he was not with the train robbers, but we do not believe it. We were not stopped by the train robbers more than ten minutes. We came on to Chattanooga and got here on time. That's all I know about it and I don't want to experience any more fellows standing in my cab and pointing a big pistol at me."

Engineer Springfield is a citizen of Chattanooga and resides on Montgomery avenue.

## ANOTHER ACCOUNT.

A later dispatch gives the following details:

At 2:30 o'clock Engineer Thomas Springfield, in charge of the engine drawing train No. 3, was signaled down by a large man having a rod lantern and giving a regular railroad signal, near tunnel No. 9. He quickly brought his train to a halt and was immediately confronted by a revolver in the hands of an unknown man and told to stand still until he was ordered to go on. The other three started for the express car, carrying Winchester on their shoulders, but making a mistake entered the baggage car. The company had been apprised some days ago that there would probably be a hold-up on the line shortly, and Detective Chief Tom Griffin, Will Eddy, of Oakdale, and Will Algood, of Chattanooga, were on the train looking out for the highwaymen.

When the train was stopped the detectives suspected the trouble and Algood alighted from the train in time to intercept one of the robbers, who was standing on the platform of the baggage car making his way to the express car. A running war opened, which drew out the other highwaymen and the detectives, and a perfect fusillade followed. Presently the firing from the robbers ceased, and when the smoke cleared away it was found that two of the robbers were killed. The entire time taken in the melee was just three minutes.

The detectives remained at the scene of the action, and this morning a posse is in pursuit of the escaped bandits, supposed to be three in number.

At Cumberland Falls, four miles below the scene of the hold-up, a wounded man was found concealed in the tender of the engine, who proved to be one of the would-be robbers. He was turned over to the agent of the company and has since died. The captured man said he was from Pennsylvania, and refused to give his name or that of any of the others. The dead men have not yet been identified and it is supposed that they are strangers in the community. The express officials claim there was nothing large in their car, but recently they have been hauling valuables and it is supposed it was known to the robbers.

## THE CONDUCTOR'S STORY.

Conductor Pete Gorman, who was in charge of the train, said:

"We were sixteen miles south of Somerset and had come up through tunnel No. 9. I was in the rear sleeper checking up my fares, when the train came to a stop. I got off on the ground with the flagman. I saw the blaze of a pistol and then another one. I told the flagman he had better climb back on the train as the shooting was going longwise of the train and he might get shot, and I did the same. I then went forward and found that train robbers had boarded us. There were five of the train robbers. One watched the engineer. Three entered the baggage car. One remained on the ground on the left hand side of the train. As soon as the train had stopped Algood went out of the car and as he stepped on the front platform the robber, or the robbers, on the ground yelled: 'Throw up your hands or I'll shoot you.' Instead of doing this Algood drew his pistol and began shooting. The other robbers in the baggage car then ran out and Griffin and Eddy joined Algood in the fusillade. They killed one man. Another was badly wounded and died at 4 o'clock this morning. The third we left at Cumberland Falls, and he has since died."

"It was all done so quickly that there does not seem much to tell. In ten minutes we were going on."

"A wrecking train followed closely behind us as the second section of our train, and we left the three detectives and their prisoners to be taken on it. The day coaches were fairly well filled. The passengers were somewhat alarmed,

but as the train soon moved on they were reassured. Not one of the railroad employes or any passengers were hurt. Nor as far as I know did a bullet enter any of the coaches. The shooting was done alongside the train and not crosswise. The robbers were well armed with pistols and carbines. We found one carbine they had dropped. The robbers evidently thought they were aboard the express car when they entered the baggage car. I don't know who the robbers were, but they are supposed to be parties living in that section near where the robbery was committed."

## A MAN WITH A BIG MOUTH.

Superintendent Campbell, of the Southern Express Company, says there was only between \$10 and \$50 in money in the express safe. Dave Laski, the express messenger on the train seized his carbine when the shooting began and kept the doors securely locked. He knows nothing about the robbery. Passengers in sleepers for New Orleans and Jacksonville were not awakened. In one of the day coaches when the train stopped and the shooting began, one man with a big mouth and a loud voice yelled: "By God, we are held up." Women and children began crying and everybody began throwing money and jewelry under the seats. They did not sleep any more.

H. Oberdorfer, of New Orleans, and A. G. Miller, of Louisville, were among the passengers in the sleeper who stopped here. A lady in the sleeper sent a telegram to a gentleman in Governor McKinley's office, Columbus, Ohio. She signed Lucretia, but her name could not be learned. She was quite jubilant over the adventure and angry because she was not awakened. None of the robbers wore masks. It is impossible to learn any of their names.

## A JUBILANT MANAGER.

Manager Richard Carroll was seen at the company's headquarters at Cincinnati. He was elated over the news.

"Yes, it is true that there was an attempt to hold our train No. 3 up, and 50 per cent of the would-be train robbers are hors du combat. That man Griffin is the man for just that sort of work. He is the special agent of the Chattanooga division and assistant to Superintendent Griggs. It was the regular through express, leaving Cincinnati at 8 in the evening and due in Chattanooga at 8 in the morning, and the train was on time in Chattanooga. They were only delayed ten or twelve minutes, just long enough to wipe those fellows out, get off, load them up and care for them, and then make up the time. The attempted holdup was in a wild and lonely spot and well calculated for just such work. I do not know whether there was any special treasure or property on the train. The Adams Express can tell about that. I haven't the information in detail yet, but I will venture to say that very few of the passengers knew of the trouble. It was at a time of night when they would be asleep. Some might have heard the shooting, but it was all over so quickly and the train on the move again that it would be impossible for them to know much. There may have been some tip to the men that a holdup was intended, but I have nothing on that score."

At the Adams Express they said that the run was only an ordinary one, there being no special treasure aboard. The express messenger is Daniel Laseke, of Cincinnati. His family here is highly elated.

## ANOTHER HOLD UP.

A Train on the Iron Mountain Road Robbed by Highwaymen.

LITTLE ROCK, March 27.—Train 54, on the Iron Mountain, was held up by two robbers about 10 o'clock to-night, just north of Williamsville, Mo.

It is not known what the booty the robbers got amounts to. The conductor lost his watch and money and it is supposed the passengers were also robbed, but details of the hold-up have not been received at this hour.

## THE ELKS LITIGATION.

Argument Concluded and the Case Will Go to the Jury To-day.

CLEVELAND, O., March 27.—Mr. A. J. Wolf, of Youngstown, O., made the closing argument for the Jamestown faction in the Elks case before the United States circuit court to-day. His address was a clear and concise summing up of the facts brought out in the testimony. He said the trustees who removed Apperly had failed to obey instructions from the grand lodge in calling a convention and were therefore removed very properly for cause. In the afternoon Hon. Martin A. Foran made the closing argument for the Atlantic City faction.

The judge will give the case to the jury to-morrow morning.

## Big Hudson River Deal.

NEW YORK, March 27.—The culmination of protracted negotiations involving financial interest of great magnitude was signaled to-day by the filing in the office of the secretary of state of New Jersey, of corporate articles of the Hudson River Navigation Company.

The capitalists interested in the project announced that they have just signed contracts by which they come into control of the People's line steamers. The organizers intend to put two new boats on the river within a year.

## Assignment in Noble County.

CADWELL, O., March 27.—W. B. Keith, of Keiths, Noble county, made an assignment to-day for the benefit of his creditors. C. A. Leland was made assignee. The liabilities and assets are unknown. This is the second assignment made in this county this week.

## Tine Oil Strike.

PARKERSBURG, W. Va., March 27.—Mrs. Jackson, Mr. Robinson and the Doyers, all of Pittsburgh, have struck a fine oil well in county poor farm near Elizabeth.

## An Historic Character Dead.

CHICAGO, March 27.—Mr. Francis Chamberlain, at one time the only white child in Chicago, died to-day. His father came to Chicago in 1832. They were here at the time of the Fort Dearborn massacre and Mrs. Chamberlain was saved from death by the noted Indian chief, Black Partridge.

## TROUBLE AHEAD.

Minors of Pittsburgh District Will Not Accept the Offer.

## MADE BY THE MINING OPERATORS.

The Operators Expected to Introduce Non-Union Men, in Which Event the Strike Will Be Prolonged and a Repetition of the Bloody Encounters of Last Year Will Probably Occur—Determined to Abolish the Nine Cents Differential.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., March 27.—There is little probability of the miners of the Pittsburgh district accepting the offer of sixty cents per ton, made by the operators yesterday. The committee appointed by the operators to make the offer to the miners do not expect them to accept it, and a member of the committee is authority for the statement that in that event the railroad mines will be started with non-union men.

He stated that this committee has the power to make all the arrangements for putting in new men and that such mines as are able to get men enough to operate will fill orders for the other mines until all are in operation. In this event the strike will be prolonged and this section will probably witness a repetition of the bloody encounters of last year.

The operators of the Pittsburgh district are determined to abolish the nine cents differential in favor of the Ohio operators and under no circumstances will they agree to a scale that is higher than the Ohio miners are paid.

## United Mine Workers.

DUBOIS, Pa., March 27.—The convention of United Mine Workers of America, district No. 2, was held here to-day. President Bradley presided, and delegates were present from DuBois, Walsort, Adrian, Eleonora, Helvetia, Reynoldsville, Rathmel, Beach Tree, Coal Glen, Dugas and Crenshaw, representing a total of 15,000 miners. The convention met at 11 o'clock and after receiving credentials, adjourned until to-morrow.

## TIN PLATE MILLS.

Give Employment to Thousands, and Pay Millions in Wages—And Yet Free Traders Predicted We Couldn't Make the Article.

BALTIMORE, March 27.—The Manufacturers' Record of this week publishes a compilation of John Jarrett, secretary of the tin plate manufacturers' association of the United States, showing the growth of tin plate in this country. Mr. Jarrett's report states that there is now in this country, completed and in course of construction, thirty-four tin plate works. The capacity of these works will exceed an annual production of 250,000 tons of finished product and will furnish employment to 11,000 to 12,000 hands. The capital invested is about \$8,500,000 and the wages paid will be about \$7,000,000 a year. These figures pertain only to the manipulation of reducing the billet in some cases, but the bar in most cases, to the finished product, and do not include the amount of labor from the ore to the billet and bar, which is very extensive. The mills already fully completed have a capacity of over 100,000 tons of finished product, and employ 7,000 to 8,000 hands with an investment of \$5,000,000.

## ADVANCE IN STEEL.

A Big Order of Bessemer Steel at \$10.60. The New Coke Scale.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., March 27.—A sale of Bessemer steel was made here this week of 30,000 tons at \$10.60, which is sixty cents higher than the price that has prevailed for a considerable time.

It is predicted that Bessemer will go to \$11, and this prediction is strengthened by the fact that on Monday the advance in the wages of the coke workers will go into effect, which will add 25 cents per ton to the present price. It was at first decided to add 40 cents to the price to make up for the advance of 15 per cent in the coke workers' wages, but this was later reduced to 35.

## McKINLEY ON SILVER.

He Stands on the Republican Platform, Which Declares For Bi-Metallism.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 27.—As there has been of late a good deal of comment and speculation concerning the position of Governor McKinley on the silver question it can be stated authoritatively that Governor McKinley's attitude is accurately expressed by the latest pronouncement of the Republican party, which in its silver plank in the platform adopted in Minneapolis, June 10, 1892, said:

"The American people, from tradition and interest, favor bi-metallism, and the Republican party demands the use of both gold and silver as standard money, with such restrictions and under such provisions, to be determined by legislation, as will secure the maintenance of the parity of values of the two metals, so that the purchasing and debt-paying part of the dollar, whether of silver, gold or paper, shall be at all times equal. The interests of the producers of the country, its farmers and its workmen, demand that every dollar, paper or coin, issued by the government shall be as good as any other. We commend the wise and patriotic steps already taken by our government to secure an international conference to adopt such measures as will insure a parity of value between gold and silver for use as money throughout the world."

## BRUTAL FOOTBALL.

The Coroner's Verdict on the Death of the Georgetown Player.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 27.—The coroner's inquest held to-day over George D. Bahon, the Georgetown University football player, who died from injuries received in the Thanksgiving day game with the Columbia Athletic club, the jury's verdict was that Bahon came to his death from foul play, for which it was unable to fix the responsibility. The testimony was that the playing was most brutal.

## ORDERED TO BE SOLD.

The Receivers of the Little Kanawha Lumber Company Must Sell the Property.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligence.

PARKERSBURG, W. Va., March 27.—In the United States court to-day Judge Jackson made an important decree in the case of Leatherbee et al. vs. the Little Kanawha Lumber Company. He directed the receivers, James M. Olmstead and E. L. Felton, of Boston, and John T. McGraw, of Graton, to advertise for sale all of the property of the Little Kanawha Lumber Company, including all of its mills, timber, etc. The property is to be sold at private sale and the sale reported to the court. They are to cut and fell no more standing timber except trees on Elk creek, but they may continue to manufacture into lumber trees already cut.

## DOUBLE MURDER.

At Dillonvale Mines—A Slav Kills Two of His Companions.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligence.

STEUBENVILLE, O., March 27.—Meagre particulars reached here to-day from Dillonvale mines in Mt. Pleasant township, this county, of a murder that occurred there Monday evening. A fight started in a crowd of Slav miners on the street, and one of their number, a giant in stature and physically, when hard pressed picked up a club and knocked a smaller man stiff and cold, then gathering up a large, sharp stone he buried it with full force in another's head, cleaving it in two as far down as the jaw bone, killing him instantly. The murderer was arrested and an inquest is being held at Mt. Pleasant by Squire Harbort. The names could not be learned.

## TROUBLE WITH ENGLAND.

Spain Must Now Answer for the Murder of a British Sailor.

BALTIMORE, Md., March 27.—At 2 o'clock on the morning of March 10, Spanish sentries murderously shot and killed a seaman of the British steamship Laurestina, and badly wounded a Cuban negro at St. Jago, Cuba. The British government is investigating the matter and complications between Great Britain and Spain may result. The Laurestina arrived at this port this afternoon from St. Jago and her officers denounced the shooting as a murder. The seaman was John Lowe, aged thirty-five years, of Leeds, England, and the crew went ashore for a stroll and while passing a Cuban fort carried by Spanish troops, suddenly a sentinel sprang out of the darkness as they neared the fort and in Spanish commanded them to halt. Lowe did not understand the command and started to hurry away. The next instant the sentinel raised his musket and fired. Lowe dropped to his knees and rolled over a corpse. The negro then started to run, when he, too, was shot and mortally wounded. The dead man and the wounded negro, were carried inside the fort. At daybreak Captain Gavin, of the Laurestina, went to the fort and demanded the body of the man. This demand was refused and he has made formal complaint to the British government. An investigation is to be made. The officers of the steamer state that when she left Cuba, March 20, the revolution was progressing quietly.

## GREAT EXCITEMENT.

In Caroline County, Maryland, Over the Murder of Sallie Dean.

BALTIMORE, Md., March 27.—The lower section of Caroline county is in a fever of excitement over the brutal murder of Sallie Dean, the fourteen-year-old daughter of Mr. Jacob Dean.

A special to the Baltimore Sun says: Outrage was without doubt the purpose of the murder, but it was not accomplished. Her throat seemed to have been cut with one slash of a razor or large knife. The wound is a great gaping one. The girl's clothing had been much disarranged and there were scratches about her legs and arms. The jury of inquest adjourned until Saturday. Detectives are at work.

## TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS.

The Commercial Bank, of Cincinnati, has assigned.

The European crop reports are to the effect that the season is very backward. The great Davis' will contest, involving \$7,000,000, has been compromised by the contending heirs at Butte, Mont.

Prairie fires have done great damage in the Otos and Ponca Indian reservations in Oklahoma. One life has been lost.

The nineteen men indicted in New York for election frauds pled guilty yesterday. Court then adjourned until Friday.

Mary Delaney, of Milwaukee, charged with setting fire to two Catholic churches in Washington, D. C., has been declared insane.

John Bigelow, an actor, shot and killed Amy Thiel, an actress, in New York yesterday and then committed suicide. The case is shrouded in mystery.

An oil stove exploded in the house of J. P. Nelson, at West Superior, Wis., fatally burning a baby and a fifteen-year-old boy. Mrs. Nelson and another son were seriously burned.

Germany and the United States have notified China that they are resolved to maintain a strictly neutral attitude in regard to China and Japan. The other powers have refused to interfere.

Near Felton, Mich., Mrs. Frank Annis was burned to death in her house. The testimony before the coroner is damaging to Mrs. Annis' husband, who is alleged to have set the house on fire.

The Platt forces in the New York legislature have yielded to the assaults of the independent element and will allow the reform amendments to the police reorganization and bi-partisan police bills.

The homeopathic hospital in Pittsburgh, containing nearly two hundred patients, has been quarantined on account of the development of a case of smallpox. The patient arrived from Cincinnati by rail last Sunday. He had a companion, who went on to Baltimore.

From Samoa comes the story that Robert Louis Stevenson left one-half of his estate to Joseph, the twelve-year old son of Joseph D. Strong, the well-known Pacific coast artist, to whom he was greatly attached. The boy was at Stevenson's death-bed, and is prostrated with grief over the death of his benefactor.

## CANADA'S CRISIS.

Serious Dissensions in the Cabinet Are Coming to Light.

## WAS A DAY OF GREAT EXCITEMENT

In Ottawa and a Grave Situation Is Admitted—Sir Charles Tupper Resigns the Premiership—The Manitoba Order Pleaseth Neither the Catholics Nor the Protestants—The Cabinet Between Two Fires—The Parliament Matter Another Cause of Trouble.

OTTAWA, Ont., March 27.—There is more excitement in political circles to-day than at any time since the news was received here of the sudden death at Windsor Castle of Sir John Thompson. That there are serious dissensions in the cabinet goes without saying. There are two causes for this want of harmony. One is the recent passage of the order in council, recommending the Manitoba government to grant remedial legislation to the Catholic minority.

This order has pleased nobody. The Catholics of Quebec think that the order ought to be mandatory, while Protestants of Ontario assert that the federal government ought not, even by suggestion, to interfere with the question of provincial education.

The other cause of trouble was the decision of the cabinet to hold a session of parliament before going to the country. This decision was bitterly opposed by Hon. George Foster, minister of finance.

It is announced that Mr. Patterson, the minister of militia, has resigned his portfolio, owing to ill-health. By many persons the plea of ill-health is regarded as a mere subterfuge. Mr. Patterson will accept the lieutenant governorship of Manitoba. This resignation was accompanied by an elaborate statement that harmony prevails in the cabinet—a statement not generally believed.

In addition to these definite facts, there is a very pronounced rumor to the effect that Finance Minister Foster and Mr. N. Clark Wallace, the controller of customs, will also resign. Should this prove true, it means that the French Catholics will have a preponderance of power in the cabinet, a thing that Ontario will not agree to. These best posted predict trouble for the Bowell cabinet.

## Tupper Has Resigned.

OTTAWA, March 27.—That the resignation of Sir Charles H. Tupper from the cabinet has been handed in can hardly be doubted, says The Citizen, the government organ, very bluntly this morning. It is said that the reason for quitting the cabinet is that he will not be allowed to supplant Foster in leadership of the house of commons, an ambition which he long held.

## VESSELS WRECKED.

By the Storm on the New Foundland Coast—Seal Fishers Suffer.

HALIFAX, N. S., March 27.—The mail steamer St. Pierre arrived here to-day from the south coast of the New Foundland. The captain reports a rough and stormy passage. The gulf is full of heavy ice extending fifty miles south of Cape Breton. Several losses are reported in the gulf of the 17th. The schooner Caroline Silver, which had a full load of seals, was rafted under and the crew barely escaped with their lives to the ice. The schooner Louie D. was crushed and sank, but the crew were saved. The schooner Ray lost two men, L. Dun and J. Keeping, and the schooner Notice lost two men, Frederick Dix, and John Rose. James Small and his son William, put off from Codoroy on the same day to take seals which could be seen from the shore. The wind changed and drove them off the shore and they have not been seen nor heard from since. Cables from New Foundland to-day give the first reliable report of the seal fishery up to date. One or two steamers have full furs, but most of them have had very indifferent luck. As yet it is too soon to predict the success or failure of the season's work.

## CUBAN REBELLION.

General Salcedo Sails With the Spanish Troops For the Northeast.

HAVANA, March 27.—General Salcedo sailed this evening from Havana for Puerto Del Padre, on the northeast coast of the island, in command of the troops who arrived here Monday from Spain. The other troops who have arrived since Monday will shortly be dispatched to the disturbed districts.

General Salcedo is thoroughly familiar with the topography of the island, and especially the mountainous regions in the Oriental province, and his knowledge will stand him in good stead in pursuing the insurrectionists, who have in many instances been able to defy the government troops owing to their familiarity with almost inaccessible mountains, to which they retreat when close pressed by the troops.

## Was "Tired of Life."

HAVERHILL, MASS., March 27.—W. Scott Penbody, a prominent clothing merchant of this city, upon telling his wife that he "tired of life" this afternoon went into the bath room of his house and took two ounces of prussic acid. He died shortly afterwards.

## Are at Monte Carlo.

MONTÉ CARLO, March 27.—Count Bonifacio de Castellano and his bride, formerly Miss Anna Gould, arrived here to-day.

## Steamship Arrivals.

Bristol—Manhattan, New York. Rotterdam—Steamer Nantuxin, Baltimore. Liverpool—Steamer Ohio, Philadelphia.